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DEGREE FOR PRESIDENT

Sorbonne to Honor Wilson
With Honorary Degree.

Day's Program.

(John Edwin Nevins.)
Paris, Dec. 21.—(U. N. S.)—President Wilson's plan for Christmas was completed today. He will leave Paris for Gen. Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont on Monday and will spend two days with the American troops.

The program of presidential activities for today include the conferring of degree of doctor by the Sorbonne at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and a motor trip to Versailles earlier in the day. The ceremonies in connection with the conferring of the honorary degree were planned to be held in the grand amphitheatre and included an address by Dr. Alfred Croiset, dean of the faculty of the University of Paris.

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The part of the president's speech relating to the naval program follows:

"I take it for granted that the congress will carry out the naval program which was undertaken before we entered the war. The secretary of the navy has submitted to your committee for submission that part of the program that covers the building plans of the next three years. These plans have been prepared along the lines and in accordance with the policy which the congress established, not under the exceptional conditions of the war, but with the intention of adhering to a definite method of development for the navy. I earnestly recommend the uninterrupted pursuit of that policy. It would clearly be unwise for us to attempt to adjust our program to a future world policy as yet undetermined."

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Welcome Americans as Forty Thousand Troops March
Through Coblenz.

(By Herbert Bailey.)

(London Times-Poll. Ledger, Dec. 21.)
Coblenz, Dec. 20.—For a whole day the Americans crossed the Rhine, men, guns and supplies forming what seemed a never-ending procession. Only a few days before a German woman had

traced behind her "Look no more at it is our German Rhine, not yours!"

The night-time infantry regiment of the first division was the first body of American troops to touch the banks of the river. A sturdy, fresh marching body with a smart stride, they certainly offered no inspiring sight. Not one of them could escape the significance of the event. Their faces were almost too serious, but their eyes were gleaming. The columns had penetrated some distance into the heart of Prussia, the men threw off their seriousness. The village was filled with staring eyes. Americans, knowing not what to think of it all, but convinced, as the German is, that the cause is placed in the hands of so much strength it might be well to be friendly.

Strangely enough, Coblenz revised its

look for any criticism in this connection, as he had evidently intended the final sentence of the paragraph just quoted to make clear his opinion.

The terms of the original congressional act of 1916, authorizing the American naval policy, contained an explanatory clause calculated to prevent any misconception of the United States policy. The act defined that the money appropriated for naval expansion was to be returned to the treasury when the United States entered the war.

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